

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Thomas Michael Steffl, et al.:  
: Examiner: Thanh K. Truong  
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Serial No.: 10/710,777 : Group Art Unit: 3721  
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Filed: August 2, 2004 : Attorney Docket No.: 717228.11  
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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR :  
LOADING DATA STORAGE DEVICES :  
INTO CARRIERS : Customer No.: 27128  
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: Confirmation No.: 4776  
Last Office Action: March 2, 2006 :

AMENDMENT A

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 2, 2006, and within the fifth month for responding thereto and upon payment of the appropriate extension fee, as noted in the accompanying Petition For Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a), please amend the above-identified application in accordance with the amendments and remarks as set forth herein.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this document.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 8 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this document.